

FRANK MARQUE'S

LETTER

To such of

The UNDER-NOBILITY, BARONETS,
KNIGHTS, SQUIRES and GENTLE-
MEN, ALDERMEN of *Dublin*, and
other Cities of *Ireland*, who want
to represent *Dublin* in Parliament.



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The *Under-Nobility, Baronets, Knights,
Squires and Gentlemen, Aldermen
of Dublin, &c.*

AS I know many of you, who cannot, in these public spirited Times, get *Burrough's* to buy, or *Counties* to corrupt, from the immense Numbers of *Great Patriots*, who have been unluckily before-hand with you, and gained the same *noble Ends*, you propose; are, from a most tender regard to the poor City of DUBLIN, willing to *Sacrifice* your pretious time, and more pretious Pelf, to gain the *Sullen Citizens* to look with a gracious Eye on you, and to send you to represent the City, or your better selves, in PARLIAMENT; where you are willing, at the hazard of your invaluable Reputations, as well as certain Expence of your Fortunes, to undertake to perform, what you are evidently, confessedly ignorant of; and that from pure, Patriot Principles. And, as I find you are, for the most part, unable to speak or write a single Sentence of common English, intelligible, even, to these Citizens, who, forsooth! are grown so saucy and arrogant, of late, the Times being much mended with them; as vainly to look for one that knows, and will make known, the CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS of the People, contrary to the established Custom and immemorial Usage of all the other Cities and Towns Corpoprate in the Kingdom, and in utter disregard to the Authority of Men in Power, and the Influence of Men of Fortune; I draw my long dormant

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mant Pen, to give you the same *shove* in the *Crupper*, that raised many other Candidates to high *Dignities*; to *Offices of great trust* but greater *Profit*, which let me tell you, Sirs, is the main Point, now, worth contending for, and which you, and you only, are qualified to earn and to enjoy.---However, this among ourselves; for you must not let these Views be known to the *Citizens*, If you do, they will Smoke you.---I will tell you the best method of gaining them, and shall, here give you some Samples of Advertisements or Addressies for the purpose.

But first, let me whisper you, who in the most *justly*, *Gentleman-like* Manner, have long treated the *vile Tradesmen* of this more vile City, who have long *duly despised and disregarded* them, and upon every Occasion, have, becoming your *Rank and Dignity*, *trampled on their Rights, Liberties and Properties*, and *all* that they hold *Dear*; you must, now, tuck about for a while; *Pliancy and Suppleness* are no mean *Qualifications* for a *Candidate*, believe me; begin, then, and first *Salute* all you meet: *Visit* them you do not: *Shake* those by the *Hand*, you would not, the other Day, let *touch* your *Feet*, or your *Garments*, without a *genteel, contemptuous Grin*, and a *Curse* or two, to keep them at due Distance, from the *better sort*. *Bespeak* some of all their *Wares*, *pay*, or *promise to pay* their *Debts*; Get *drunk* with them if you can, two or three Times a Week, during the Vacancy; having first put out the following or some such like *sensible advertisement*, in the modern Taste.

To the *NOBILITY Spiritual and Temporal*, to the *UNDER-NOBILITY*, *BARONETS*, *KNIGHTS*, *SQUIRES*, *GENTLEMEN*, *CLERGY*, *ALDERMEN* and *Freemen* of the *City, County or Corporation* of the *City of DUBLIN*, or who *Dwell*, or *Lodge*, or can influence any *Place-Man*, or *Pensioner*, of your *Dependance*, *Party or Faction*, or any *Tradesman* of

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cracked Fortune, or forfeited Faith and Reputation, commonly called a *Freeman*, to Vote for a Member of Parliament, at the following, impending, next or ensuing Election;

May it please your NOBLE MIGHTINESSES, your HONORS, your CHIVALRY, your WORSHIPS, your SQUIRESHIPS, your GENTILITY your REVERENCES, and you, *at present*, much *respected Friends*, Ye Tradefinen of *Dublin*,

THERE BEING a Vacancy in Parliament, *in, by, or upon* the Death of your *late most eminent and worthy Representative*, the *late* * * * * * of Aldermanic Memory, *lately deceased*, (or if you be a Lawyer) *nuper Defunct*, (if an Alderman) who *lately died* or departed this Life; by the *special* COMMAND, or with the *Advice, Consent, Aid, Encouragement, &c.* of the GREAT MEN, who *direct* Elections, or *set them at nought*; (or if you have not really obtained that, or some good *pretence* to *say* you have) then, *by particular Desire*, or at the *Request or Intercession*, of SEVERAL PERSONS of QUALITY and DISTINCTION, or of the NOBILITY and GENTRY; or of the BOARD of ALDERMEN; I beg leave to represent you, in Parliament, or to offer myself a *Candidate* to represent you, or to take the *Liberty* of offering you my Service, or to beg those, with whom I have the *Honour* of being *acquainted*, will exert themselves in my *Favour*, lest the PUBLIC or *Myself* should be *losers* by my *neglecting* my *private Business*, in spending the time, usually requisite to *coax and wheedle*, or to *frighten* or *Influence* you for Votes and Interests. For my own Part my chief, or my sole, Motive for this Application, is my *just, good, Opinion* of my own Abilities, which, with the Study of my whole Life, to Learn the necessary *Qualifications*, of *Common Sense* and *common Honesty*, induces me to judge, I may be useful to YOU and to my COUNTRY, or at least, *in-*
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offensive, tho' you must excuse me, if I am so carefull of my Self, as to run no manner of *Risque*, of injuring my Property, or Person, in the Prosecution of this Affair, of yours; since the Prejudice of either, might render all my other good Qualifications of no Effect. You need not fear, that I shall only profess Friendship to you, or know you, during this Vacancy, I shall extend it to all and every one of you, tho' you be ten or twelve thousand in Number, during my whole Life, not for those fifteen Months, only, in which I shall *Sollicit* or *cause* you to be Sollicitted for your Votes, your Favours and your Interests. Consider what I have said, and no doubt you will have Grace to observe it; or, if you honor me with an opportunity of getting into good Company, of shewing or exposing, my Parts, or making my Party good, it will be a very great Obligation, and I shall heartily thank you for it. Or your Favours shall ever be most gratefully, most kindly, most respectfully remembered, and upon all Occasions, acknowledged by,

May it Please your *Noble-Mightinesses*, &c, &c, &c.

Your most Obedient,

most humble,

most Cringing,

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Knave,

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Out of this, which has been the Standard since Charles the second's Reign, you cannot fail of drawing a compleat Advertisement, a most, moving, prevailing Address, suitable to all Classes of Candidates, and all kinds of Constituents.

I have left it entirely to your selves to tell your *Fortunes* and your *Pedigrees*: For, they are and must be of great Consequence to be insisted on; tho' they may not be always, so safely or properly published in a News Paper. Then tell how much you intend to expend on the Election, and in what manner, or what your *Ancestors* did upon the like Occasion. These are absolutely requisite; since the Citizens of *Dublin*, as well, as others, know, that a *Rich Man*, and one who out of pure Regard to the Public, expends some thousands of Pounds, in gratifying their *Palates*, or tickling their *Ears*, must be an *honest*, and a *great Man*; and therefore, can never forsake or neglect their honour or Interest, in Parliament, but must with *unwearied Diligence*, and *invincible Fortitude* and *Steadiness*, assert their Liberties and their Rights. The Citizens of *Dublin*, are well assured, from very late Instances, of these Truths; which have convinced them, also, of the Vanity and Folly of returning such as have distinguished themselves in the Service of the City, when they expended no Money on the Election. Such was *Humphrey French*. Every Body knows, and still remembers, what kind of a *Citizen*, what kind of a *Magistrate*, and what kind of a *Representative* he made! It is, no doubt, hoped, that no Man so disagreeable to the Board of *Alaermen*, and so obnoxious to the *Ministry*, as he proved, will ever be returned for this City. And as the only Attonement that can be made for that Lapse, and as the best Security that can be given against such an Evil for the future, that some of your Class may

may fill up the present Vacancy. To gain
 desirable Ends, and to Co-operate with the
 Ministry, and you, in all matters, is what every
 your Class would, undoubtedly, labor for.
 forth then, *open your Purses and your Cellars*
shut close your Mouths, and lay aside your
 Let me be your Scribe. I will gladly add
 Citizens for you, and, by your Leave, p
 your Speeches in Parliament, the farther to
 you to your Satisfaction, than which there
 not be a more pleasing Task offered to

your most pliant Friend,

and most Supple Servant,

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From the Cocker's
 BulkinSmock-Alley,
 August 20th, 1718.



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